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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated 10/22/01, enclosed herewith is a petition to extend, by one month, the period for response to the Official Action dated 10/22/01. The new due date is therefore 02/22/02.

Enclosed herewith are certified copies of the original German application 195 48 222.0 of Dec. 22, 1995 and of the corresponding international application PCT/DE96/02485 filed Dec. 18, 1996.

The German priority document and the PCT priority document have the identical content, although in the PCT application document, the claims are at the beginning whereas, in the German priority document, the claims are at the end of the description.